

## **Business and Cooperative Programs Success Stories/Best Practices**

**State: Louisiana**

**Success Story – Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program**

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Name of Grantee:	Iberia Parish Government
Name of Project:	Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Construction Project
City and State:	New Iberia, Louisiana
Program:	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program
Amount:	\$150,000
Date Obligated:	June 27, 2003
Congressional Representation	Senators: Landrieu and Vitter Congressman: Melancon (District 3)
Description of Project:	Rural Development funds will be used to refurbish one of two existing mooring docks in Delcambre, Louisiana. The dock currently provides mooring space for many fishermen and shrimpers who use the Delcambre Canal for access to gulf waters. The dock is currently in a state of disrepair and will eventually discourage fishermen and shrimpers from mooring in the community – impacting not only the fishing industry in Delcambre, but local businesses along the dock area. As a result of this Rural Business Enterprise Grant, proper docking will be available to fishermen, 30 jobs and 10 businesses will be saved. This project is located in the special emphasis area in the lower Mississippi Delta Initiative.